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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

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The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

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How Do I look.—To really see yourself as others see you, get one of those new style mirrors at Hart's Drug Store; all prices. A new supply just received.

Look It Up—There is a fine property advertised for sale on the fifth page of this issue of the Astorian. Look up the ad., then look up the property and be sure to look up the agent!

District Levees—County Clerk Clinton has been advised of the following district levees, made in due form of law: School district No. 11, Olney, for 1 mill, upon a valuation of \$81,283; Road district No. 2, Seaside, 10 mills, upon a valuation of \$188,811; Road district No. 15, Jewell, 10 mills, upon a valuation of \$603,773.

Commercial Saloon—This popular place, situated at 500 Commercial street, is up-to-date in every particular. The choicest of wines and all kinds of liquors can be procured here. Best quality cigars. Billiard table in connection. If you can't come in person, call up Phone 1231 Main.

Do You feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy an dtoo hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light appetizing, wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

In Three Weeks—Judge Thomas A. McBride of the Circuit Court, will be in Astoria, on Thursday, December 27, to take up such court matters as may be ready for judicial action.

The Happy High-Road—Yesterday County Clerk Clinton issued a wedding license in favor of Mr. Louis St. Martin and Miss Ceilna Martin, both of this county.

Convenes Today—The County Court of Clatsop county convenes this morning at 9 o'clock at the court house, in regular session for the month of December, and there is quite a grist of business awaiting disposal by the commissioners.

Estate Orders—In the matter of the estate of John D. Miller, deceased, Judge Trenchard yesterday made an order approving the claim of the administrator, W. C. A. Pohl, as against said estate, and directed him to take the sum of his claim from such moneys as belong to the estate, and to report in due course.

A Mass Meeting—A mass meeting will be held at the First Evangelical Lutheran church tonight at 8 o'clock. Ministers representing the several Scandinavian and Finnish churches will be present and take part in the program, good songs and music will be rendered. All are most cordially invited to attend.

Annual Sale and Supper—The ladies of Grace Episcopal church will hold their annual sale and supper Thursday next, at the Reed building. The sale of fancy articles and of articles of utility as well, will begin at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and the supper at 5:30 o'clock; the whole evening being interspersed with delightful music.

ICE CREAM AND SHERBETS.

Orders carefully filled for today's dinner.

Hoefler's

Phone Main 1321.

Street Improvements—Owing to the severe rainy weather, work has been almost entirely suspended on a number of street improvements in the city and an extension of time has been granted until next spring. There is a general demand for the common council making preliminaries for street improvements during the winter, so that work can be done during the good weather. It is a fact that it costs the property owners more to improve streets in the winter than in the summer. The days are shorter in the winter and it is possible to work only a small portion of the time, making the improvements more expensive and the delays an inconvenience to property owners.

Lost Wood—Dudley Blount took a day off yesterday and went down on the beach and cut up a considerable quantity of drift logs which he intended conveying to his domicile for wood. During his absence, some person, probably unable to secure wood from the local wood yards, appropriated the entire pile to his own use, as when Dud went down with a team to haul the wood to his residence, there was not a vestige of it left. He spent all yesterday afternoon looking for the miscreant who stole his wood. Owing to the high price of wood, it is not considered a crime to steal it, and realizing this fact, Mr. Blount will not file a complaint against the guilty parties.

Scarcity of Fuel—Owing to the fact that one of the local mills has been cutting spruce lumber this week, the local wood yard men are unable to supply their customers with wood, although premiums have been offered for a load. If the present condition of affairs prevails much longer, there will be a wood famine in the city. No wood is being shipped in from outside sources, the entire population depending upon the slab and box wood furnished at the local mills. Coal has advanced another dollar per ton, and it is almost impossible to supply the local demand.

Contract Awarded—Acting Quartermaster Cooper, of Fort Stevens, received official announcement from the department at Washington that the contract for building the proposed new government wharf at Fort Canby had been awarded to Ferguson & Hous-ton of this city, the contract price being \$6,290. As soon as the official papers arrive from Washington, work will be commenced on the new wharf. Other improvements are in contemplation, enlarging the soldiers' quarters and putting the property in shape for a detachment of soldiers.

What Has Been Done—City Treasurer Thomas Dealy yesterday evening, in conversation with a reporter of the Astorian, called attention to the fact that five years ago at this time, city warrants were called up to the same period of the pending call, and that there has been paid off, in addition to the current expenses of the city, \$30,000 of city hall warrants, and \$6,000 of the principal of the municipal bonded debt; all of which speaks well for the financial management of affairs.

Advance in Lumber—The local mills of Astoria have announced an advance in all kinds of lumber \$1.00 per thousand, to take effect on December 10. This will make common lumber \$16 per thousand. Logs are selling from \$10 to \$13 per thousand, and a further advance is expected the first of the year. Lumber men are of the opinion that lumber will never be cheaper than at present, but is certain to go considerably higher.

Judd Arrested—Upon complaint of Captain Lawrence of the wrecked ship Peter Fredale, Dr. Judd of Warrenton was arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny from a ship. He was brought to Astoria and admitted to bail in the sum of \$150, pending a preliminary examination. This is the outcome of the raid made on the ship at the time she was wrecked and through which Malcolm Grider lost his life.

Coroner's Jury—The coroner's jury empanelled to inquire into the cause of the death of John D. Miller, held a brief session yesterday, but took very little testimony, nothing tending to show who were the perpetrators of the crime being available at the present time. In view of this, an adjournment was taken to some future date, pending an investigation by the sheriff.

Will Be Tried Today—The case of the State of Oregon versus S. T. Hill, for assault and battery upon Albert Ross, will be called in Justice Goodman's court at 10 o'clock this morning.

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One Piano Number Free With Each \$5 Sale at Wise's



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HERMAN WISE

BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. W. Fisher of Albany is visiting friends in the city.

J. C. Davis of Fernhill was a visitor in the city yesterday.

F. M. Morris of Kelso arrived down on the noon train yesterday.

N. Forup of Portland was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Geo. M. Gage of Portland was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

L. W. Olmstead of Chicago was registered at the Occident yesterday.

T. H. Butler of Portland was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Guy A. Rogers of Portland arrived down on the noon train yesterday.

J. W. Long of Spokane was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

P. W. Olcott of New York came down on the noon train yesterday.

Thos. Craine, a prominent trap fisherman of Brookfield, is in the city.

L. W. Parker of Des Moines was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

John C. Hofstad of Seattle was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

George Hibbert, editor of the Chinoook Observer, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Geo. Hannigan, county clerk elect of Wahkiakum county, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Chas. M. Celler, with S. Danziger & Co. returned from a business trip to Portland last evening.

Nells Peterson of Skamokawa came down on yesterday morning's boat and returned in the afternoon.

Miller Funeral—The funeral of the late John D. Miller, who was killed by thugs at Aldrich Point, was held yesterday from Pohl's undertaking parlors, under the auspices of Cushing Post, G. A. R., the services being conducted by Rev. W. S. Short. The interment was in the G. A. R. plot at Ocean View.

Ordinances Signed—Mayor Herman Wise affixed his signature to the ordinances passed by the common council Monday night. The warrants are being drawn and will be ready for signature today.

Fined \$25—A. F. Libke was arrested at Seaside yesterday and appeared in the justice court on a charge of hunting without a license. He plead guilty and was fined \$25 and costs, which he paid.

At the Read—The Ladies' Guild of Grace church will hold a sale of fancy articles at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Reed building. Supper will be served at 5:30 and some good musical selections will be rendered during the evening.

MORE SO THAN EVER.

Newer Case Designs, Later Ideas and Improvements in Construction, Bigger Sales and More Liberal Treatment and Xmas Coming, too!

Yes! Now is Piano Time. Besides fine new pianos we have several pianos that have been out on rental, or exchanged in on new ones, that we must get out of the way at once.

The sale of them has been already delayed long enough. We will not make a strong drive for sales of new instruments till these used ones are sold. Will have to have the room they are taking up anyhow, before we can properly display our new stock (part of which is here and more coming).

A second hand Fisher upright is offered for \$135, on \$5 payments.

For a little less than \$200 we will deliver a large oak cased upright piano used but, three months, and worth easily one-fourth more than that, and on \$6 payments per month. In the list of used pianos that we are in a hurry to sell, will be found such well known makes as the Bailey, Fischer, Schumann, Hobart M. Cable, Whitney and Decker Bros. Prices will be cut to the very lowest figures that will clear us on them. Owing to the limited number of them to be sold and the limited prices asked, and considering the present demand for just such bargains, we don't expect to look long for buyers, so hurry.

Even if we are going to make a special effort to clean out our used stock in the next few days, we can also make a very creditable showing of new ones right now, and would assure you a profitable purchase of any new one on hand without waiting for more arrivals.

If you need a piano and have a little money to invest, we will help you to make a safe, satisfactory venture in the purchase of one.

In the case of these rented or exchanged pianos, we have had our profit already and only want to get first cost; and if you don't mind paying

us 8 per cent interest, we don't mind waiting for the money.

That child would perhaps make a musician with a fair show. Come on and make this a "Piano Christmas" for the children.

Store open every evening till 9 p. m.

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Waldorf Entertainment—The Waldorf management has put on another rich and amusing string of films, in which the vagaries and fate of the "cheeky traveler" divides honors with the "happy sleighride," this latter revealing all the elements of fun liable to such an event, and recalling the days and pleasures of old to many a person who views the laughable pictures to the end. The display is one of the best put on there this season and is drawing crowds nightly. But among the leading elements of enjoyment billed there are the delightful soprano solos of Miss Violet Parker, an accomplished artist, whose piece de resistance just now is "Just Plain Folks," and this amplified nightly by a number of dainty encore songs, all of which contribute to her popularity and the pleasure of the evening to the visitor.

Registrations—Only four people appeared yesterday to register for the city election. Commencing tonight, the auditor's office will be kept open from 7 to 9 o'clock to permit voters who cannot attend during the day, an opportunity of registering.

DOES SAVING MONEY INTEREST YOU?

If it does, stop and look in our show window of fine millinery, Plumes, Feathers, and other trimmings. We are going to sell our entire stock at prices lower than goods of this kind have ever been offered before in this city; \$1.00 saved is \$1.00 made.

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